

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-23 (Cancelled)

24. (Previously Presented) A toner container containing a toner composition, said toner composition comprising toner particles, and said particles comprising a binder resin and a release agent, wherein when the toner composition is pressed upon application of a pressure of 478 kg/cm² to form a toner plate, the toner plate has a surface having a coefficient of static friction of from 0.20 to 0.40.

25. (Previously Presented) A developer container containing a two component developer comprising a toner composition and a carrier, wherein the toner composition comprises toner particles, said particles comprising a binder resin and a release agent, and wherein when the toner composition is pressed upon application of a pressure of 478 kg/cm² to form a toner plate, the toner plate has a surface having a coefficient of static friction of from 0.20 to 0.40.

26. (Original) An image forming apparatus comprising:
an image bearing member configured to bear an electrostatic latent image;
an image developer configured to develop the electrostatic latent image with a developer comprising a carrier and a toner composition to form a toner image on the image bearing member;

an image transferer configured to transfer the toner image on a receiving material optionally via an intermediate transfer medium; and
a fixer configured to fix the toner image on the receiving material upon application of heat and pressure,

wherein the image forming apparatus has a waiting period not longer than 15 seconds, a maximum electric power consumption not greater than 1.5 KW when image forming

operations are performed and a maximum power consumption not greater than 30 W when image forming operations are not performed, and

wherein the toner composition comprises toner particles, said particles comprising a binder resin and a release agent, and wherein when the toner composition is pressed upon application of a pressure of 478 kg/cm^2 to form a toner plate, the toner plate has a surface having a coefficient of static friction of from 0.20 to 0.40.

27. (Original) The image forming apparatus according to Claim 26, wherein the waiting period is not longer than 10 seconds.

28. (Original) The image forming apparatus according to Claim 26, further having an image forming speed not less than 30 cpm/A-4 size.

29. (Original) The image forming apparatus according to Claim 26, wherein the fixer comprises:

a fixing roller A having a heater therein and configured to heat the toner image on the receiving material while contacting the toner image; and

a fixing roller B optionally having a heater therein and configured to nip the receiving material to the fixing member A,

wherein the fixing roller A has a thickness of 0.7 mm, and a pressure not greater than $1.5 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$ is applied to the fixing members A and B.

30. (Previously Presented) The image forming apparatus according to Claim 26, wherein the fixer comprises:

a fixing member configured to heat the toner image on the receiving material while contacting the toner image;

a fixed heater configured to heat the fixing member; and

a pressure member configured to press the receiving material to the fixing member,

wherein the fixing member is a belt, an endless belt, or a combination thereof.

31. (Previously Presented) The image forming apparatus according to Claim 26, further comprising a toner container containing the toner composition.
32. (Previously Presented) The image forming apparatus according to Claim 26, further comprising a toner container containing a two component developer, wherein the two component developer comprises the toner composition and a carrier.

Claims 33-36 (Cancelled)

37. (New) An image forming method comprising:
forming a toner image on a receiving material, and
passing the receiving material through a nip between two fixing members A and B while applying a pressure to the fixing members A and B to fix the toner image on the receiving material upon application of heat and pressure, wherein the receiving material contacts the fixing member A,
and wherein the toner comprises toner particles, said particles comprising a binder resin and a release agent, and when the toner is pressed upon application of a pressure of 478 kg/cm² to form a toner plate, the toner plate has a surface having a coefficient of static friction of from 0.20 to 0.40.

38. (New) The image forming method according to Claim 37, wherein the fixing member A has a thickness of 0.7 mm, and wherein the pressure is not greater than 1.5 x 10⁵ Pa.

39. (New) The image forming method according to Claim 37, wherein the fixing member A is a belt, an endless belt, or a combination thereof, and is heated by a fixed heater.

40. (New) A developing device comprising:
a developer bearing member having a magnetic field generating means therein and configured to bear a developer comprising a magnetic carrier and a magnetic toner composition while rotating;

a first regulation member configured to regulate the amount of the developer supplied to the developer bearing member to form a developer layer on the developer bearing member;

a developer containing member configured to contain the developer scraped by the first regulating member; and

a toner containing member located adjacent to the developer containing member and configured to supply the magnetic toner composition to the developer bearing member through an opening,

wherein the developer containing member comprises:

a second regulating member located on an upstream side from the first regulating member relative to the rotating direction of the developer bearing member, and configured to scrape the developer layer when a concentration of the magnetic toner in the developer layer increases and the developer layer thickens, to cover the opening with the scraped developer to stop the supply of the magnetic toner composition from the toner containing member, and

wherein the magnetic toner composition comprises toner particles, said particles comprising a magnetic material, a binder resin and a release agent, and when the magnetic toner composition is pressed upon application of a pressure of 478 kg/cm^2 to form a toner plate, the toner plate has a surface having a coefficient of static friction of from 0.20 to 0.40.